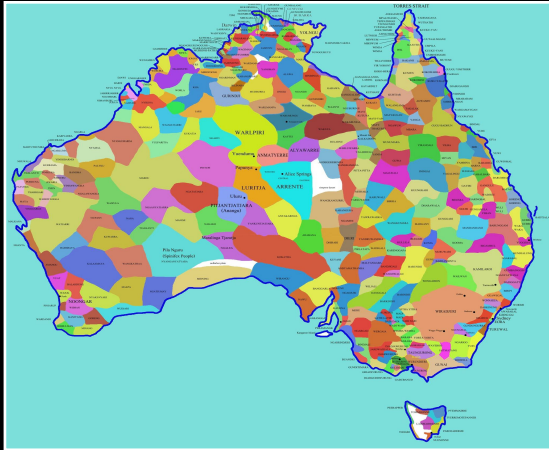


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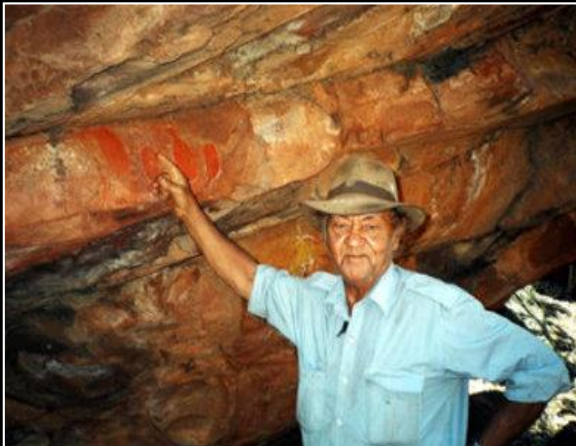
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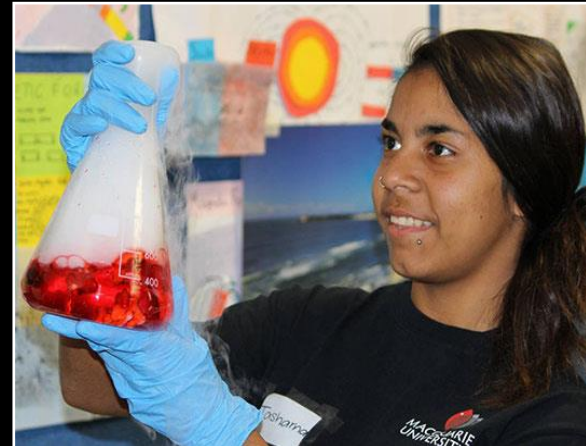
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KNOWLEDGE TRANSMISSION



Story & Oral Tradition

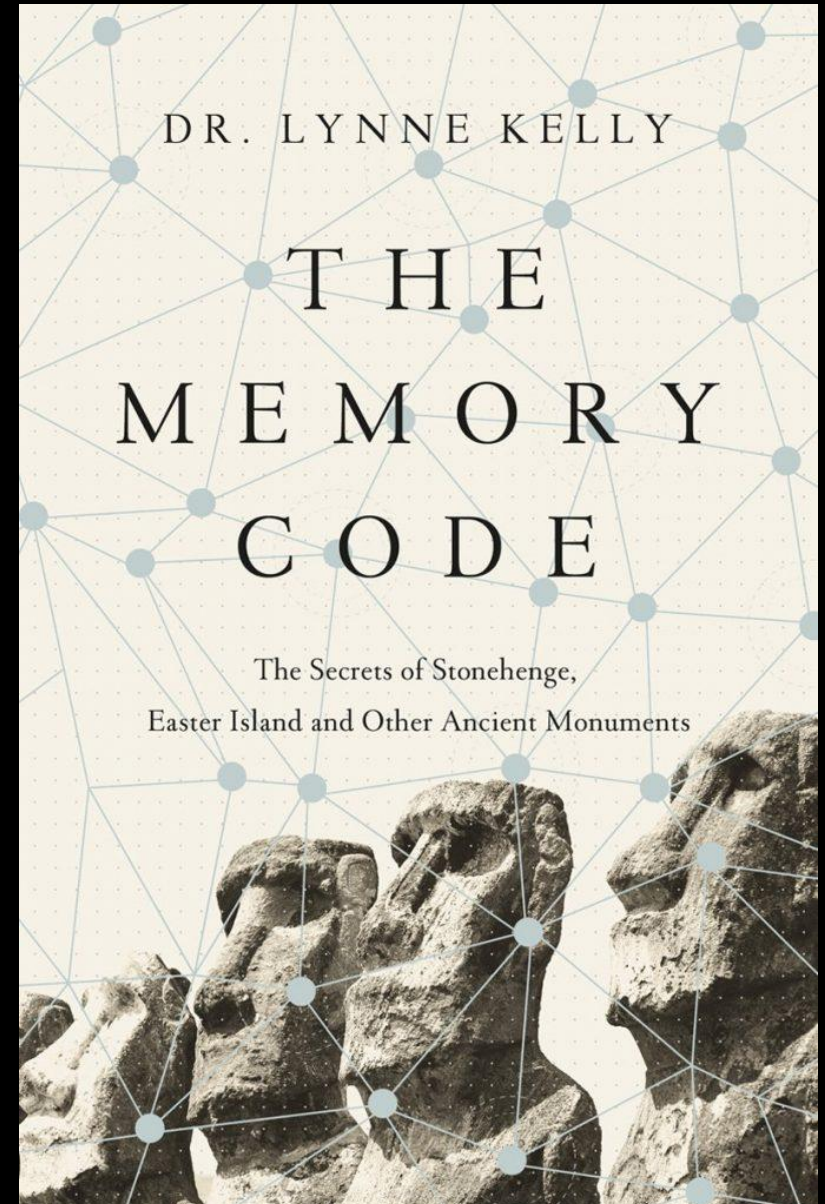
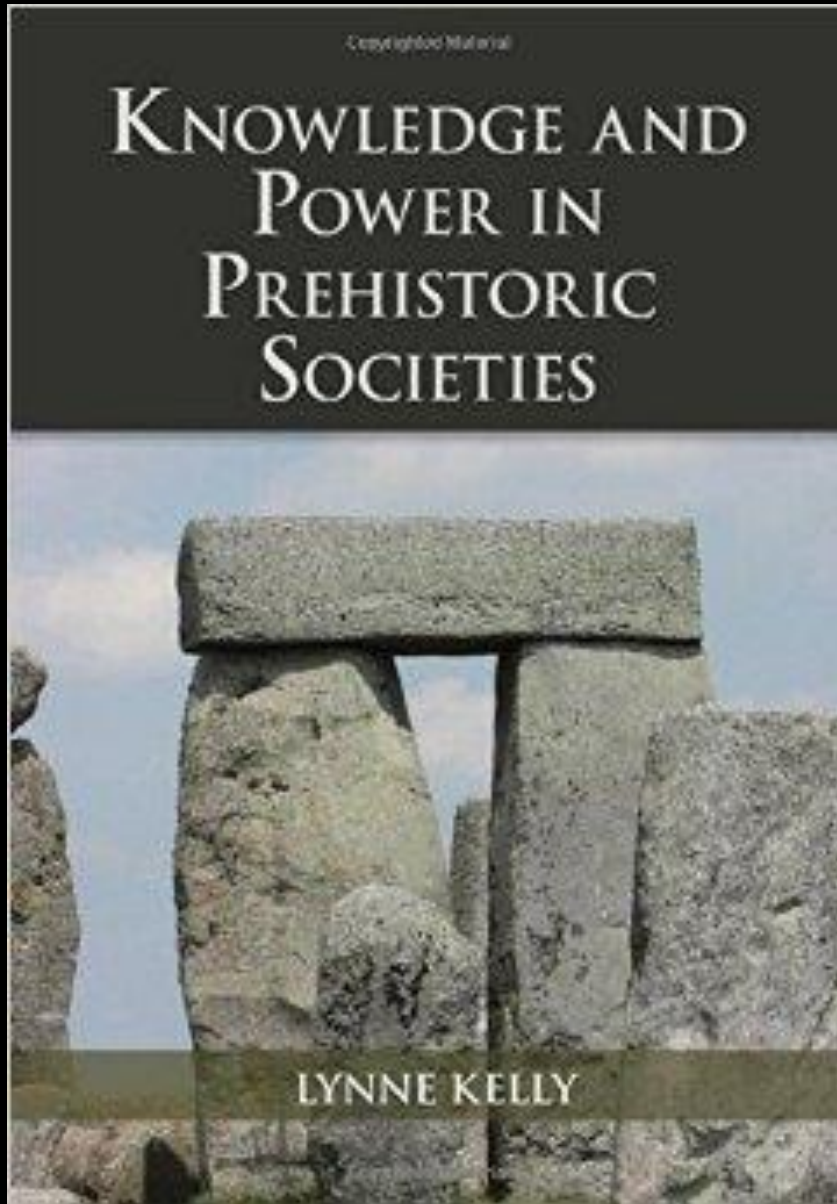


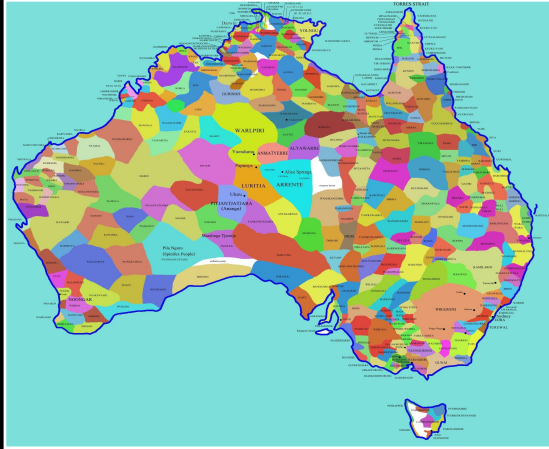
Song & Dance



Material Culture

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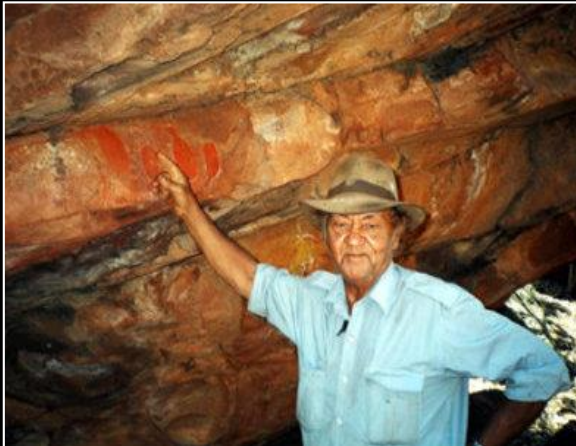
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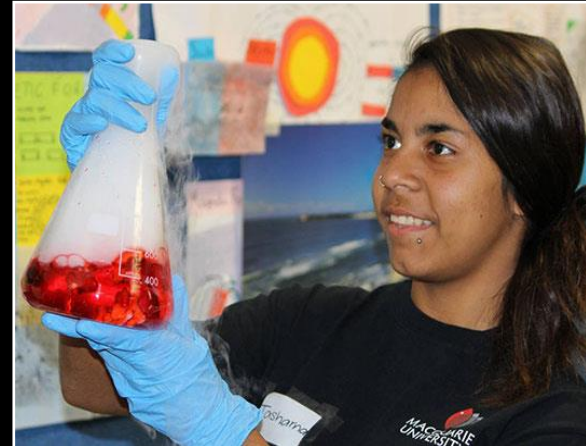
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CREATION OF TROWENNA (TASMANIA)



GOSSES BLUFF CRATER
“TNORALA”

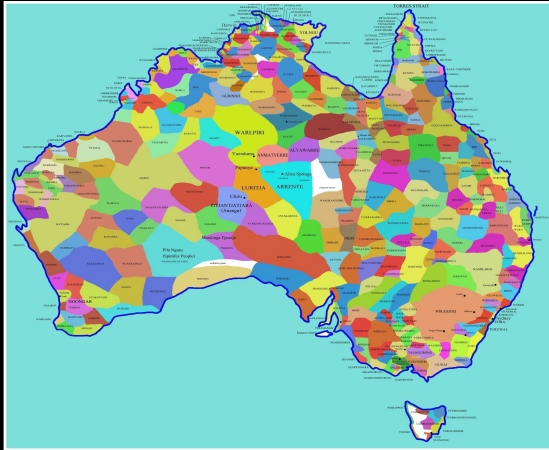
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Mount Yengo

Robert Downey



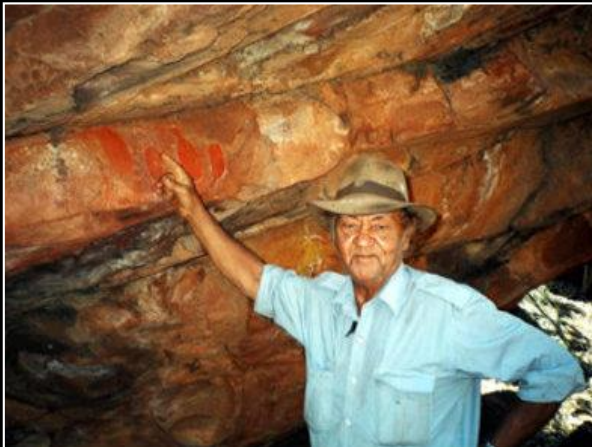
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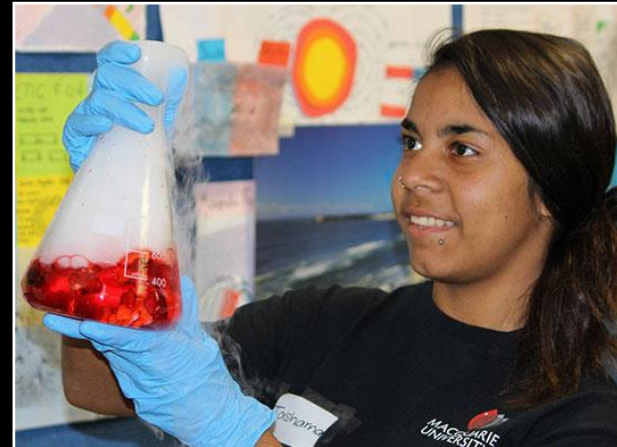
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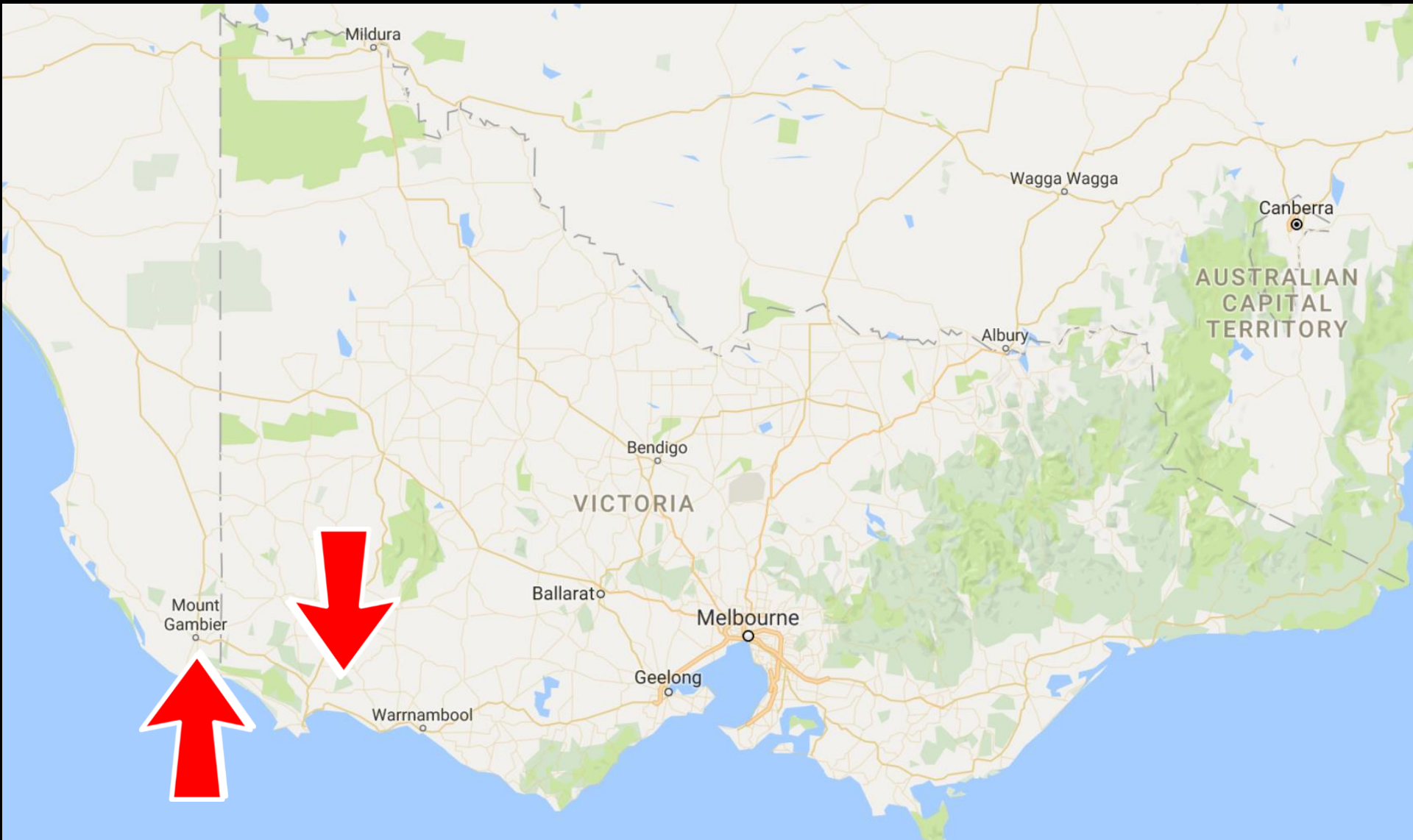
Volcanoes

Western Victoria
4,000-8,000 years ago



Mount Gambier, South Australia
~4,000 years ago

Volcanoes



Volcanoes

"Two young fellas were trying to spear that wallaby. But they missed and hit a flame tree. That's a sacred tree. The young fellas not supposed to be out hunting. They weren't initiated. Their elders told them to stay put, not go out hunting. But they didn't listen. When they pulled their spear out, part of a grub came out with the spear, which was a witchetty grub. They started cutting down that tree to get more grubs. When they cut down that tree, the ground began to



Lake Eacham

shake. Those two fellas had made Yamini (rainbow serpent) angry. Then the sky turned orange, then all these people back at the camp, the earth went from underneath them, sucked them in, whoosh, they all got drowned. Where they were camped became Bana Wiingina.



Tiwi Islands

Darwin

Kakadu
National Park

Katherine

Mataranka

Daly Waters

Borroloola

Nhulunbuy

Carpentaria

Port Douglas

Cairns

Townsville

Mount Isa

Sandover

Yuendumu

Boulia

NORTHERN
TERRITORY

QUEENSLAND

Volcanoes

Lake Eacham (*Yidyam*)
Northern Queensland
~12,000 years ago

Lake Barrine (*Barany*)
Northern Queensland
~17,000 years ago



Tsunamis



Meteorite Impacts

Henbury (~4,200 years go)

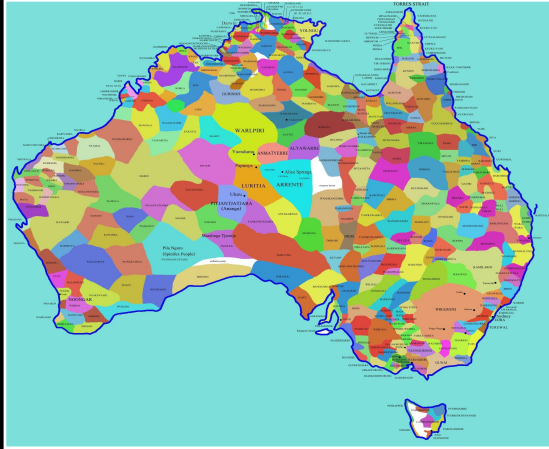


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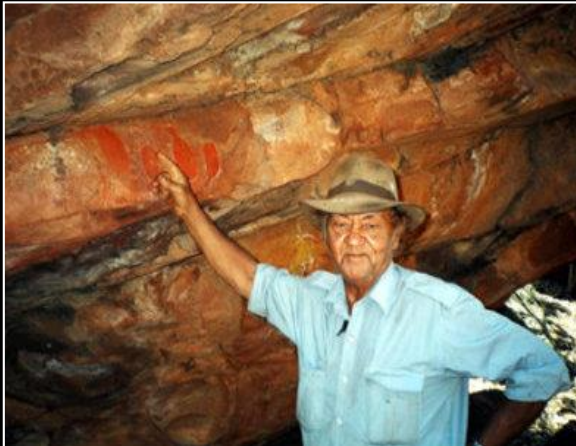
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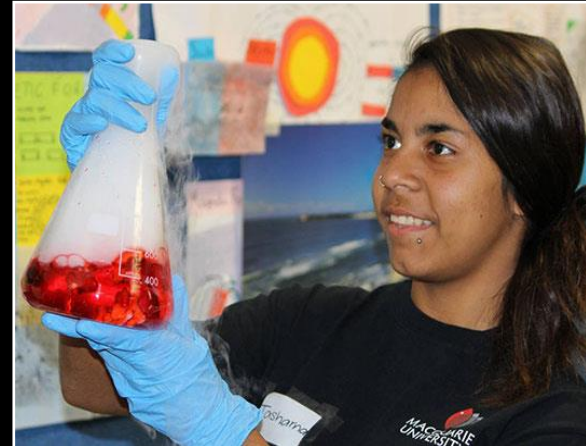
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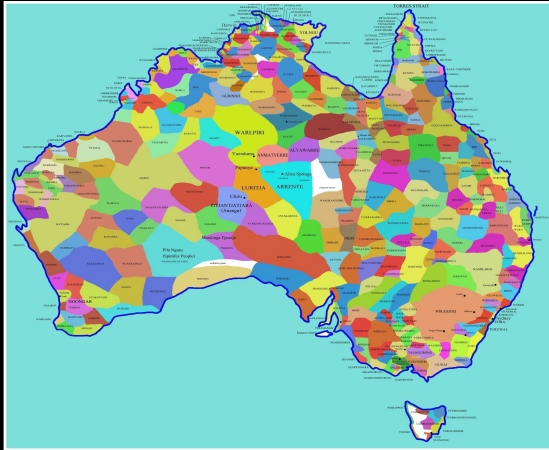
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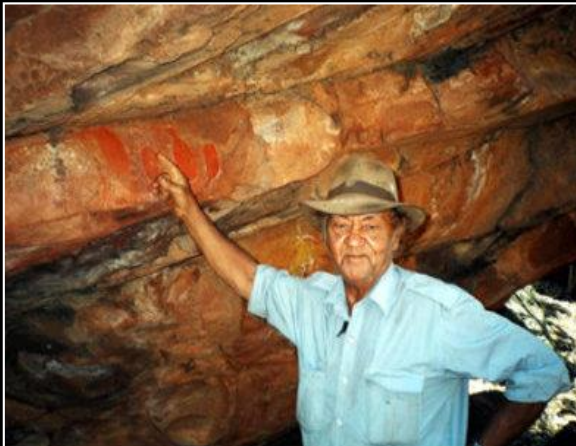
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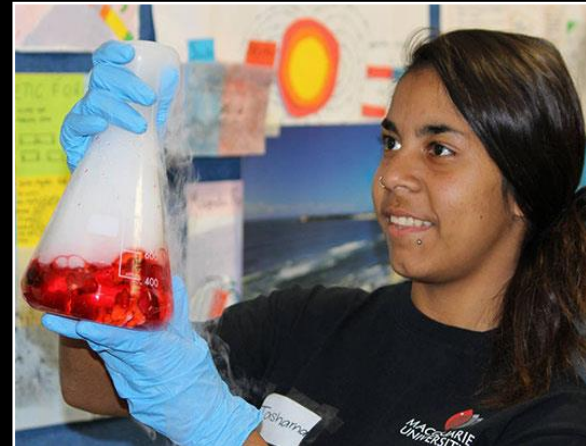
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